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THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

THE RED HOUSE,

CASTLE STREET,

BARNSTAPLE,

JULY, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to forward you the Report upon the Public Health of the Barnstaple Rural District for the year 1947.

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK MARTIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Staff.

PART TIME OFFICER.

Medical Officer of Health - DR. F. J. H. MARTIN, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H. Oxon.

WHOLE TIME OFFICERS.

Chief Sanitary Inspector / Building Surveyor and Engineer — A. J. DENNIS, M.R.S.I., A.I.A.S.

Additional Sanitary Inspector — A. L. SANDERS, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Clerk - - MISS P. BAWDEN.

Social Conditions.

The chief occupations of the District are :—

1. Agriculture.
2. Market Gardening.
3. Catering for Visitors.

The locality may be regarded as purely non-industrial, and employment is on the whole steady.

1947.

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Of the Medical Officer of Health for the Barnstaple Rural District.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area in Acres - - - -	129,346
Population - - - -	21,290
Inhabited Houses - - - -	7,258
Rateable Value - - - -	£117,790
Sum represented by a Penny Rate - -	£475

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate -	198	202	400
Illegitimate -	9	10	19
			419

Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 19·6.

Still Births.	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate -	3	6	9
Illegitimate -	0	1	1
			10

Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births 20·1.

Deaths.	Males	Females	Total
	136	163	299

Death Rate per 1,000 - 14·0.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

Puerperal Sepsis - - -	0
Other Puerperal Causes - -	0

The appended Table shows the comparative figures for the Barnstaple Rural District and England and Wales :—

Rate per 1000 Population			Death Rate per 1000	Infant Mortality per 1000 Live Births	
	Live Births	Still Births		Deaths under 1 year	Deaths from Diarrohea and Enteritis under 2 years
Barnstaple Rural Dist.	19·6	·46	14·0	21·4	0
England and Wales	20·5	·50	12·0	47·0	5·8

Deaths of Infants under 1 year.

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate - -	7	2	9
Illegitimate - -	0	0	0
			9

Rate per 1000 Live Births - -	21·4
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate Live Births	22·5
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births	0
Deaths from Measles (all ages) - -	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) -	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0
Deaths from Cancer at all ages - -	42

Causes of Death during the Year 1947.

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	4	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis - -	1	0
Syphilitic Diseases - - -	1	0
Influenza - - -	2	1
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus	1	0
Cancer of Uterus - - -	0	3
Cancer of Duodenum and Stomach -	7	5
Cancer of Breast - - -	0	5
Cancer of all other Sites - -	11	10
Diabetes - - -	2	0
Intracranial Vascular Lesions -	9	23
Heart Disease - - -	43	53
Other Diseases of Circulatory System -	13	27
Bronchitis - - -	9	4
Pneumonia - - -	2	3
Other Respiratory Diseases - -	1	2
Digestive Disturbances - -	3	3
Nephritis - - -	4	0
Maternal Causes - - -	0	2
Premature Birth - - -	2	0
Congenital Malformation, Birth Injury -	5	2
Road Traffic Accidents - -	3	0
Other violent causes - -	5	3
All other causes - - -	8	15
Totals	136	163

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Hospitals.

1. Tuberculosis

Hawley Sanatorium, which is situated in the Borough of Barnstaple, has 28 beds.

2. Maternity Care.

The Devon County Council have made arrangements with the Barnstaple and North Devon Infirmary for the admission of women in the area requiring Institutional Provision for Maternity Care under the following conditions :—

(*a*) Those found to have some abnormal condition.
(*b*) Those having unsuitable accommodation for confinement in their own homes.

(*c*) Those suffering from puerperal fever, or pyrexia.

Consultant Services, Home Helps, and Maternity Outfits are provided in necessitous cases.

The Maternity Department of the Infirmary consists of a lying-in ward of six beds, a labour ward of one bed, and a separate sanitary annexe. The department is under the care of a Sister and a Nurse—each holding the C.M.B. certificate, and one probationer—a Nurse is on duty in the ward at night.

3 Isolation of Infectious Diseases

The Bideford and District Fever Hospital is situated just outside the Bideford Borough. It is of recent construction, and exceedingly well equipped in every way for the Treatment of Infectious Diseases.

It comprises 32 beds, six of which are in observation cubicles, and 4 cots.

During the year 1947 12 cases were admitted from the Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Scarlet Fever	- -	3
Measles	- -	4
Poliomyelitis	- -	5
(Four of these cases were positive and one negative).		
	Total -	12

4. Smallpox

Any case of Smallpox that may arise in this area will be treated in the Smallpox Hospital of the Devon County Council.

5. General.

The Barnstaple and North Devon Infirmary serves North Devon exceptionally well in providing modern medical and surgical treatment. It is available to anyone whose circumstances are such that they are unable to afford the advantages of the excellent Nursing Homes in Barnstaple and in Braunton. Application for admission must be accompanied by a doctor's letter. Recommends are no longer required.

The hospital is recognised as a training centre for the Nursing Profession, and it contains from 110 beds, and has a most modern and up-to-date X-Ray plant.

A Blood Bank has now been established at the Infirmary.

6. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

V.D Clinic.

This is held at the Annexe to the North Devon Infirmary.

Sessions :		Females.	Males.
Mondays	-	4 p.m.	5-15 p.m.
Thursdays	-	4-30 p.m.	5-45 p.m.

Tuberculosis Clinic.

Sessions :

Tuesdays	-	9 a.m. to 12-30 p.m	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations.
		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	
Thursdays	-	9 a.m. to 12-0.	
	-	2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.	
Fridays	-	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	- A.P. Refills.

7. Professional Nursing in the Home.

The majority of our parishes have the very great advantage of the services of District Nurses. There are still a few of the smaller parishes without a Nurse's services. I have been informed by the Superintendent of the Devonshire Nursing Association that work in these parishes will be undertaken by neighbouring nurses.

8 Midwives.

Midwives are practising in the following parishes :—

Combe Martin, Parracombe, Martinhoe, East Down, Berrynarbor, Trentishoe, Mortehoe, Georgeham, West Down, Bittadon, Braunton, Marwood, Pilton West, Shirwell, Arlington, Bratton Fleming, Stoke Rivers, Loxhore, High Bray, Challacombe, Landkey, Goodleigh, Atherington, Fremington, Westleigh, Instow, Ashford, Heanton Punchardon, and Swimbridge.

The parishes of Brendon and Countisbury are served by the Somerset County Nursing Association.

9. Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Service of the Devon County Council has a bacteriological laboratory established at 7 Dix's Field, Exeter, in charge of Dr. Moore.

The Laboratory is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological investigations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all patients

suffering from communicable diseases who are, from lack of means, unable to afford the necessary expense of having such skilled assistance.

This service is extremely valuable and has been widely used throughout our district by medical practitioners.

The laboratory also undertakes the analysis of drinking water and milk, and the examination of tubercule in milk, butter and cream.

The particulars of samples submitted will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Disinfection and Infected Bedding and Clothing.

By an arrangement with the Barnstaple Town Council all infected bedding and clothing can be disinfected in their steam disinfector.

Ambulance Facilities.

There is a St. John Ambulance stationed at Barnstaple which serves the greater part of the Rural District.

The Lynton St. John Ambulance serves the part of the area immediately surrounding Lynton and Lynmouth, including Brendon, Countisbury, Martinhoe, and Parracombe.

The Combe Martin St. John Ambulance serves Combe Martin, Berrynarbor, Kentisbury, Trentishoe, and portions of other parishes adjacent to these.

The Ilfracombe Ambulance serves Woolacombe, Mortehoe, and West Down.

The St. John Ambulance at Bideford covers the parishes of Instow, Westleigh, and Eastleigh.

Braunton and the surrounding parishes are served by a St. John Ambulance stationed at Braunton.

There is an Ambulance stationed at the Isolation Hospital, Bideford, which serves the whole of the Barnstaple Rural Area, for the removal to hospital of cases of Infectious Diseases only.

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases.

The following tables give particulars of the Infectious Diseases notified during the year, together with the distribution of cases, and the age groups :—

Name of Disease.		No Notified.	No admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	-	3	3
Whooping Cough	-	25	0
Pneumonia	-	11	0
Erysipelas	-	2	0
Measles	-	212	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	4	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorium		1	0
		259	11

Diphtheria Prophylexis.

The number of children immunized during 1947 between the ages of under 1 year to 15 years of age was 2,211, as follows :—

Under 5 years of age	-	-	580
5 to 14 years of age	-	-	1,631
Reinforcement Doses	-	-	225

The material used was A.P.T. for the Primary Injections, and T.A.F. for the Reinforcement Doses.

Infectious Diseases—Age Periods.

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	Total
Pneumonia	1		1		1	1				1	1								5	11
Erysipelas																			2	2
Scarlet Fever											1						1	1		3
Measles	4	13	13	18	14	48	23	21	15	9	8	7	4	2	2	1		2	8	212
Puerperal Pyrexia																			1	1
Acute Poliomylitis	1							1		1							1			4
Opthalmia Neonatorium	1																			1
Whooping Cough	3	3	3	3	5	1	1	1		2									3	25
TOTALS -	10	16	17	21	20	50	24	23	15	13	10	7	4	2	2	1	2	3	19	259

Distribution of Infectious Diseases Cases Notified during 1947.

	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Total
Arlington ..									
Ashford ...	1				4				5
Atherington ..	5				14				19
Berrynarbor .					4				4
Bishop's Tawton ...	1	3			29				33
Bittadon ...									
Bratton Fleming ..					5				5
Braunton ..				2	4				6
Brendon ...									
Challacombe									
Combe Martin ..					5				5
Countisbury ..									
East Down ...					2				2
Fremington ...	1	2	2		26				31
Georgeham .							1		
Goodleigh ..					4				5
Heanton Punchardon					1				1
High Bray									
Horwood ..									
Instow .					1	1	1		3
Kentisbury ..	1								1
Landkey ..	4				17				21
Loxhore ..					1				1
Martinhoe ..									
Marwood .	3	2			47				52
Mortehoe ..		3			16				19
Newton Tracey ...									
Parracombe .					1				1
Pilton West ...					1				1
Shirwell .		1			5				6
Stoke Rivers ..					1				1
Swimbridge .	6				15		2		23
Tawstock ...	3			1	9			1	14
Trentishoe ...									
West Down ..									
Westleigh ...									
	25	11	2	3	212	1	4	1	259

Tuberculosis.

1. New Cases.

During the year 18 fresh cases of Tuberculosis were notified in accordance with the regulation.

2. Age Periods (New Cases).

		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
1 to 5 years	-	0	0	0	1
5 to 10 years	-	0	0	1	0
10 to 15 years	-	1	1		
15 to 25 years	-	4	1	0	1
25 to 35 years	-	0	1	0	0
35 to 45 years	-	2	0	0	0
45 to 55 years	-	1	0	0	0
55 to 65 years	-	1	0	0	0
65 and over	-	0	0	0	0
Age unknown	-	0	4	0	0
	Totals	8	7	1	2

3. Organs Affected.

Lungs - 15 Glands - 3

4. Distribution of Cases.

Braunton 6, Bishop's Tawton 2, Berrynarbor 1, Combe Martin 1, Fremington 4, Instow 1, Mortehoe 2, West Down 1.

5. Mortality from Tuberculosis.

During the year there were 6 deaths from Tuberculosis. The deaths occurred in the following Parishes:— Atherington 1, Braunton 1, Combe Martin 1, Goodleigh 1, Newton Tracey 1, Swimbridge 1.

Age Periods (Deaths).

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - - -	0	0	0	0
5 - - -	0	0	0	0
15 - - -	1	0	0	0
25 - - -	0	0	0	0
35 - - -	1	2	0	0
45 - - -	1	0	0	0
55 - - -	0	0	0	0
65 and over -	0	0	0	0
Age unknown -	0	1	0	0
Totals	3	3	0	0

Deaths (T.B.)

Corresponding figures since 1941 :—

1941, 17. 1942, 11. 1943, 11. 1944, 11. 1945, 5.
1946, 7. 1947, 6.

Deaths over 65 Years of Age.

65—70	- -	2
70—75	- -	1
75—80	- -	0
80—85	- -	0
85—90	- -	0
90—95	- -	0
	Total	3 Deaths.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR, ENGINEER, AND BUILDING SURVEYOR.

The Red House,
Castle Street,
Barnstaple,
September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Barnstaple Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my second Annual Report, of work carried out during 1947.

General.

The area of your District is 129,346 acres, with an estimated population of 21,589.

This number is very considerably increased by the influx of summer visitors.

Many of the centres of population catering for visitors are without water or sewerage systems; a typical example being Croyde, which, during the summer months is full to overflowing, and yet is without either a public sewer or water supply.

The same appalling conditions exist at Fremington and Yelland, where development on a dry subsoil without the provision of sewers has given rise to conditions which, during the summer months, defy description.

Conditions at the Instow outfall have also deteriorated during the past year.

For some reason, at present unexplained, the River Torridge has changed its course—the main channel having shifted to the Appledore side of the Estuary, leaving an expanse of mud around Instow Quay, into which the sewer discharges. This area of contamination is now spreading into the adjacent sands.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Further consideration has been given during the year by the Borough and Rural Councils to the pollution of the River Taw. The proposed scheme is now receiving the consideration of all interested Authorities.

Public Cleansing.

The Council are now operating three Refuse Lorries, and one more is on order. This Department is now collecting refuse as follows:—

Parish.	Period
Braunton	Weekly
Combe Martin	Weekly. Twice weekly during Summer months
Fremington	Fortnightly
Georgeham and Croyde	Fortnightly
Berrynarbor	Fortnightly during Summer months, otherwise Monthly
Tawstock (Sticklepath)	Fortnightly
Tawstock Village and Hamlets	Monthly
West Down	Monthly
Newton Tracey	Monthly
Horwood	Monthly
Landkey	Monthly
Ashford	Monthly
Swimbridge	Monthly
Swimbridge Hamlets	Quarterly
Parracombe	Monthly
Martinhoe	Monthly
Blackmoor Gate	Monthly
Kentisbury	Monthly
Bratton Fleming	Monthly

Parish.	Period
Heanton Punchardon - - -	Monthly
Nethercott—Upcott—Lobb - -	Monthly
Goodleigh - - - -	Monthly
Brendon - - - -	Monthly
Boode and Winsham - - -	Monthly
Loxhore - - - -	Monthly
Little Silver, Whitehall, Middle Marwood, Milltown, Muddiford, Prixford, Guineaford, Kingsheanton, and Bittadon - - -	Once every 3 Months.

Refuse is also collected during the Summer months from the Saunton Hotel and the N.A.L.G.O. Holiday Camp at Croyde. These collections are in addition to the normal Parish collections, and are charged for as Trade Refuse.

Private Contractors collect the refuse in the undermentioned Parishes :—

Instow - - -	Twice Weekly
Mortehoe - - -	Twice Weekly
Bishop's Tawton	Fortnightly (Village), Quarterly (Hamlets)
Atherington - - - -	Monthly
Westleigh - - -	Bi-Monthly

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

The total number of Inspections and Re-visits during the year was 3,578. Made up as follows :—

Visits re Infectious Diseases - -	108
Meat Regulations (including visits to Fishmongers and Service Canteens) - - -	67
Number of Drains Tested and Inspected -	208
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts - -	10
Building Licence Inspections under the Control of Civil Building Defence Regulations 56A -	440
Inspections required by the Ministry of Food re Catering Establishments - -	51

Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds - -	131
Public Cleansing - - -	82
Sewers - - - -	339
New Drains - - - -	108
Ice Cream Premises - - -	45
Piggeries - - - -	9
Visits to Refuse Tips - - -	56
Bakehouses - - - -	21
Rodent Control - - -	176
Housing Repairs, etc. - - -	296
Camping Sites - - -	51
Public Health Inspections, Nuisances, etc. -	144
Factories, Workshops, and Shops - -	25
Offensive Trades - - -	5
Water Supplies - - -	281
Inspection of Schools - - -	1
Inspections, Surveys, and Interviews in connection with the Council's New Housing Programme -	782
Public Conveniences - - -	37
General - - - -	95
Number of Complaints received during the year -	64
Nuisances reported to the Council - -	15

Total Notices Served (as under) :—

Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act, 1934 - - -	4
Housing Acts, 1936 - - -	7

Shops Act, 1934.

Provision of Sanitary Accommodation in several shops has been enforced during the year.

Smoke Abatement.

No action has been necessary during the year under review.

Swimming Pools and Baths

The one Swimming Pool in this district is situated on the sea shore in Berrynarbor Parish and is privately owned. Conditions are always satisfactory since the pool is covered by every tide.

Premises and Occupations Controlled by Bye Laws

Bye-Laws are in operation for the control of Offensive Trades. There are two in this district, viz:

1. The Tannery at Swimbridge.
2. Gut Scraping Premises at Pilton West.

There is no need for Regulations in this area in respect of underground sleeping rooms.

Bye-Laws are in force relating to Tents, Vans and Sheds.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

During the year 1947 the undermentioned articles of Food were voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:

Apples	4 1-gallon tins
Evaporated Milk	55 tins
Stewed Steak	5 tins
Peas	56 tins
Carrots	27 tins
Luncheon Meat	14 tins
Vegetable Soup	10 tins
M. and V. Ration	3 tins
Tomatoes	5 tins
Plums	1 tin
Jam	32 tins
Beetroot	23 tins
Salmon	1 tin
Pilchards	1 tin
Smoked Fillets	77 lbs.
Porridge	8¾ lbs.
Bacon	30½ lbs.
Flour	12 lbs.
Tongue	24 lbs.
Spaghetti	8 tins
Baked Beans	39 tins

Sausage Meat - - -	9 tins
Cheeses - - - -	43
Curry Powder - - -	2½ lbs.
Ulster Broth - - -	1 tin
Steak and Kidney - - -	1 tin
Spinach - - - -	4 tins
Celery - - - -	2 tins
Fruit - - - -	29 tins
Pickles - - - -	1 gallon
Potatoes - - - -	30 lbs.
Yeast - - - -	4 ozs.
Horse Radish - - -	3 tins
Mutton - - -	76 lbs. (Bone Taint)
Beef - - -	381 lbs. (Bone Taint)
Pork -	1 whole carcase on account of swine erysipelas
Hake - - - -	1 stone
Haddock - - - -	16 stone
Kippers - - - -	2 stone
Cod - - - -	10 stone
Cod Roe - - - -	2 tins

Details of Registered Dairies and Producers of Milk in the Rural District.

Retail Purveyors of Milk - -	273
Wholesale Traders and Producers of Milk	509
Farms and other Buildings used as Dairies	781
Total Registered Premises -	1563

No. of "Accredited" Producers -	22
No. of "Tuberculin Tested" Producers -	27
No. of "Tuberculin" Tested Bottled Establishments - - -	2

The sampling of designated milks is now carried out by Sampling Officers of the County Medical Department.

Results during 1947 were as follows:—

Designation	Pass.	Fail.	Total
T.T.	154	74	228
Accredited	93	64	157
School Bulk	21	21	42

Retail methods in some cases are still unsatisfactory. A considerable number of retailers still carry their cans on the car luggage grid, with the taps over the exhausts, and exposed to dust and mud. Every effort is being made to persuade the persons responsible to stop this practice.

Catering Establishments.

64 premises have been inspected at the request of the Food Executive Officer as to their suitability for use as catering establishments.

Ice Cream.

Regular inspections of Ice Cream premises were carried out 19 premises have been registered. 11 samples were taken, 6 satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory. All unsatisfactory results were followed up and the necessary action taken.

Water.

A regular check was kept on the purity of public supplies during the year, and in this connection 15 samples were taken. 9 were satisfactory and 6 unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples were, in the main, taken from public wells which will be superseded when the North Devon Water Board's schemes are in operation. In cases where gross pollution was indicated notices advising consumers to boil the water were affixed to the wells concerned.

Farm Water Supplies.

Several Farm Water Supplies were investigated at the request of the Agricultural Executive Committee during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage.	Population 1931 Census.	Estimated Summer
ARLINGTON.				
	No public scheme. Wells and gravitation supplies privately owned.	No public scheme. Drainage disposed of by septic tanks or soakway pits.	159	210
ASHFORD.				
	As above at present.	As above.	152	193
ATHERINGTON.				
	No public scheme. N. Devon Water Board owns one pump and well.	As above.	443	524
BERRYNARBOR.				
	A small private supply has been purchased by the North Devon Water Board, but this scheme is inadequate for the village.	No public scheme. Several owners have combined to provide three combined schemes to privately owned disposal works.	561	1560
BISHOP'S TAWTON.				
	The village is served by 2 public supplies. (1) North Devon Water Board. (2) Parish Supply.	The village has a sewerage scheme with 2 outfalls, both being unsatisfactory.	827	993
BITTADON.				
	No public scheme. Wells, etc. privately owned.	No public scheme. Drainage disposed of by owners.		
BRATTON FLEMING.				
	Served by a public supply.	Served by a public scheme.	442	659

Parish	Water Supplies.	Sewerage.	Population. 1931 Census.	Estimated Summer
BRAUNTON.				
	Public supplies in village from 2 reservoirs, augmented by supply from a borehole.	Public scheme in village with outfall into tidal waters, which is unsatisfactory.	3019	6920
BRENDON.				
	No Public Supply. Wells, etc., privately owned. Springs now being gauged with a view to the provision of a Public Supply.	No public drainage scheme.	283	641
CHALLACOMBE.				
	No Public Supply. Wells, etc., privately owned.	As above.	181	246
COMBE MARTIN.				
	Public pipe supply in village.	Public Scheme in village quite satisfactory.	1920	7500
COUNTISBURY.				
	Portion adjoining Lynmouth served by Lynton Water Co. satisfactory. Village supplied by wells; supply precarious in dry times.	Portion adjoining Lynmouth has a sewerage scheme, with Sea Outfall. Satisfactory.	317	515
EAST DOWN.				
	One public well. No public supply.	No sewerage scheme. Mainly pails.	249	312
FREMINGTON.				
	Fremington and Bickington Villages supplied by North Devon Water Board Remainder by privately owned wells.	Consulting Engineers have the question of a comprehensive scheme for the Area in hand.	1172	2300

Parish.	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census.	Population Estimated Summer.
GEORGEHAM.	Piped water supply from Boode (Braunton), borehole proposed.	GEORGEHAM VILLAGE. Sewerage scheme with an unsatisfactory outfall. CROYDE VILLAGE. No Sewerage Scheme. Application made to Ministry of Health for permission to proceed with scheme.	834	3100
GOODLEIGH.	Supply obtained in Village from three Public Wells.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	223	406
HEANTON PUNCHARDON.	Public Supply now being provided for by extending Braunton Mains.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	369	401
HIGH BRAY.	No Public Supply.	Sewerage Scheme As above.	173	225
HORWOOD.	No Public Supply.	As above.	68	75
INSTOW.	Supplied by North Devon Water Board	Sewerage Scheme with outfall in tidal river.	646	1630
KENTISBURY.	No Public Supply.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pails.	290	363
LANDKEY.	No Public Supply. Recent examination of water from private wells unsatisfactory. A pipe supply is necessary. It is now proposed to serve Landkey by extending Mains from Barnstaple.	Portion of Village served by Sewer, though one is required for the remainder.		

Parish	Water Supplies	Sewerage	Population 1931 Census	Population Estimated Summer
LOXHORE.				
	No Public Supply.	No Sewerage Scheme.	168	191
MARTINHOE.				
	As above.	As above.	175	323
MARWOOD.				
	Public supply now serving Muddiford and Milltown. Remainder of parish served by private wells.	As above. Mainly pail closets.	612	691
MORTEHOE.				
	Villages of Mortehoe and Woolacombe are served by Ilfracombe Council.	Mortehoe is served by three outfalls to the sea. New holding tanks, sea outfall, and extensions at Woolacombe are now in hand.	1164	4700
NEWTON TRACEY.				
	No Public Supply.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pail closets.	110	126
PARRACOMBE.				
	Portion of village served by privately owned piped supply.	Sewerage Scheme required.	329	491
SHIRWELL.				
	One public well, others privately owned. Public Supply necessary.	No Sewerage Scheme. Mainly pail closets.	294	361
STOKE RIVERS.				
	One public well. Others privately owned.	As above.	154	169

Parish	Water Supplies		Population 1931 Census	Population Estimated Summer
SWIMBRIDGE.				
	Public Supply to 5 stand pipes. It is now proposed to supply Swimbridge by extending Barnstaple Mains.	There is a sewerage scheme for the village.	961	1220
TAWSTOCK.				
	Existing. Portion adjoining Barnstaple Borough served by N. Devon Water Board. There is also supply to villages by stand pipes.	*Hele Manor Portion.* Scheme has been prepared to provide sewer to connect to Fremington. *Jubilee Estate.* This estate has been sewered and is linked up with the Barnstaple Borough sewerage system.	819	1310
TRENTISHOE.				
	No Public Supply. Private wells only.	Pail closets.	60	150
WEST DOWN.				
	Public supply from Ilfracombe Water Co.'s Mains.	There is a sewerage scheme for this village. Outfall, however, is very unsatisfactory.	473	850
WESTLEIGH.				
	Public and private wells Not satisfactory. Public supply necessary.	There is a sewerage scheme with outfall in tidal river	403	479
WEST PILTON.				
	No public supply at present.	No sewerage scheme. Mainly pail closets.	160	200

BUILDING SURVEYOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THE RED HOUSE,
CASTLE STREET,
BARNSTAPLE.

Staff.

Assistant Licensing Officer	- -	Mr. W. Pope.
Assistant Architect	- -	Mr. C. D. Squires

To the Chairman and Members of the
BARNSTAPLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following Report illustrating the activity of the Building Surveyor's Department during the year 1947.

Housing Repairs

No. of Licences granted - - -	458
Total cost - - - -	£24,414

Other Work.

No. of Licences granted - - -	157
Total cost - - - - -	£7,893

Re-instatement.

No. of Licences granted - - -	40
Total cost - - - -	£12,916

Conversions and Adaptations.

No. of Licences granted - - -	51
No. of family units provided - -	61
Total cost - - - -	£25,834

New Dwellings

No. of Licences granted - - -	9
Total cost - - -	£10,936 16s. 3d.

The number of plans submitted during the year for approval under Bye-Laws and Regional Planning was 527, of which 499 were approved and 28 disapproved.

I wish to record my thanks to each member of the Council, the Clerk, and to all the members of the Department for their support and consideration during the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR J. DENNIS.